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1. EMBASSY AGREES THAT, IN ITS PRESENT FORM, CFR PROVIDES LITTLE MORE THAN STRAIGHT NEWS. IT IS READY BY OFFICERS AT THIS POST SELECTIVELY AT BEST. MOST READ ARTICLES ON THIS COUNTRY AND REGION, NOT TO LEARN ANYTHING, BUT MORE TO SEE WHETHER POST'S OWN REPORTING IS FAITHFULLY REFLECTED IN WASHINGTON. OTHERWISE, OFFICERS AS A RULE READ ONLY THOSE ARTICLES DEALING WITH PREVIOUS AREAS OF ASSIGNMENT OR SPECIAL FIELDS OF EXPERTISE, AS A MEANS OF KEEPING ABREAST WITH ISSUES OF CONTINUING INTEREST.

2. GIVEN NATURE OF WEEKLY DEADLINES, IT IS DIFFICULT TO ENVISAGE HOW CFR CONTENT COULD BE UPGRADED IN ITS PRESENT FORM. BIMONTHLY OR EVEN MONTHLY ISSUES MIGHT HELP, ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF COMPETENT EDITORIAL STAFF UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. IF WE HAD A PREFERENCE, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ARTICLES DEAL MORE FRANKLY WITH FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES ON WHICH US FACED WITH DIFFICULT CHOICES
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AND HAVE THOSE CHOICES DISCUSSED IN TERMS OF PROS AND CONS.

3. FOR EXAMPLE, USING OUR OWN AREA, THE HORN OF AFRICA, ARTICLES COULD DEAL WITH QUESTIONS OF ARMS SUPPLY TO BELLIGERENTS IN OGADEN WAR, OPTIONS FOR REDUCING SOVIET AND CUBAN INFLUENCE IN ETHIOPIA,

IMPACT OF DECISIONS INVOLVING INDIVIDUAL HORN
COUNTRIES UPON ATTITUDES ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA, ARAB
INTERESTS WHICH SHAPE OUR THINKING ON HORN, AND
NUMEROUS OTHERS. TREATMENT OF OTHER PARTS OF WORLD
IN SIMILAR CONTEXT WOULD AROUSE GREATER READERSHIP
INTEREST AND STIMULATE OFFICERS IN FIELD TO THINK
IN TERMS BEYOND THEIR DAY TO DAY RESPONSIBILITIES.

4. REGRET DELAY OCCASIONED BY STAFFDEL AND CODEL
VISITS AND CURRENT TENUOUSNESS OF ETHIO-US RELATIONS.
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